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PREFACE

This report is submitted to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) by the Missile and Space Systems Division (MSSD), Douglas Aircraft Company, a component of the McDonnell Douglas Corporation. It was prepared under Addendum One, Contract No. NAS8-21064. The purpose of this addendum was to explore the disciplines of oceanography and meteorology and to identify those elements of a long-range research plan which could be effectively accomplished with manned space platforms.

This report is in two parts: Volume I is an executive summary of study results and conclusions. Volume II contains the technical details of the analysis.

Using an analytic approach developed on an earlier study (NAS8-21023) the present effort has attempted to identify the orbital observational requirements needed to support key research objectives in oceanography and meteorology. Scientific research objectives, as well as the socioeconomic and political factors which in turn may dictate knowledge requirements in these areas, have been considered. The study was conducted in accordance with the NASA-approved Program Study Outline, dated 27 June 1967.

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Section 1

INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

For specific applications, the technological capability required to utilize the vantage point of space to learn more about the Earth's land masses, atmosphere, and oceans, is now available. The unmanned satellites of the Environmental Sciences Service Administration are transmitting routine weather data on a global basis. NASA's development and instrument feasibility programs, including Nimbus and the Applications Technology Satellites (ATS), are providing vital scientific data which will amplify our knowledge of the new mechanisms of space utilization. The ATS III carries an experiment developed by V. E. Suomi* and R. J. Parent, in which a "spin-scan" camera system views one-third of the globe from a geostationary orbit (Figure 1-1). Using three photomultiplier circuits, this camera completes a new three-color picture every 30 min. during daylight periods. These color presentations show the contrasting features of the clouds, land, and the oceans and have already suggested new concepts of tropical circulatory patterns. This program can lead to the development of an operational system which will provide almost continuous cloud-coverage data and enable meteorologists to follow changes in global weather conditions on a nearly real-time basis. As an example, it has already been possible to estimate average winds from these pictures by recording the movement of discrete cloud cells.

Equally exciting has been the experience gained with manned space flight. Pictures taken from space by the astronauts with hand held cameras have provided a wealth of photographic material on the spectral reflectance characteristics of clouds, land, and water. Figure 1-2 from Gemini IV graphically illustrates the feasibility of recording sun glint or solar reflection from the sea surface. By measuring the extent and breadth of the sun glint area from space, surface wind conditions and the sea state can be estimated. Wave patterns are also discernible in similar photographs. These early applications appear so encouraging and promise such large economic return when embodied in operational systems that initial planning of more extensive programs appears warranted.**

While the opportunities for important research from a platform in Earth orbit are clear, significant planning questions remain for NASA. For example, the design of the space station or satellite and its scientific instrumentation may be extremely sensitive to the continuously evolving objectives of the research program. What is their sensitivity to research objectives? What are acceptable strategies in reaching these objectives? Considering the real-life constraints of physical and intellectual resources, is there a systematic approach to planning for the accomplishment of these objectives?

In a sense, the ultimate objective of this study was to reduce the uncertainty in the planning of orbital research and development and operational programs in the disciplines of oceanography and meteorology.

The specific purpose of this study was to identify and analyze elements of a long-range evolutionary plan which would capitalize on the contributions of manned space flight and exploit the orbital opportunities offered to oceanography and meteorology. Douglas sought to design the program in a way which would satisfy the needs of the scientific community to as large an extent as possible, with flexibility for change as new data about the oceans and the atmosphere stimulated new objectives. In identifying the critical research objectives of these disciplines, the study team sought to apply a planning methodology which would demonstrate the completeness

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**For example, see Reference 1.

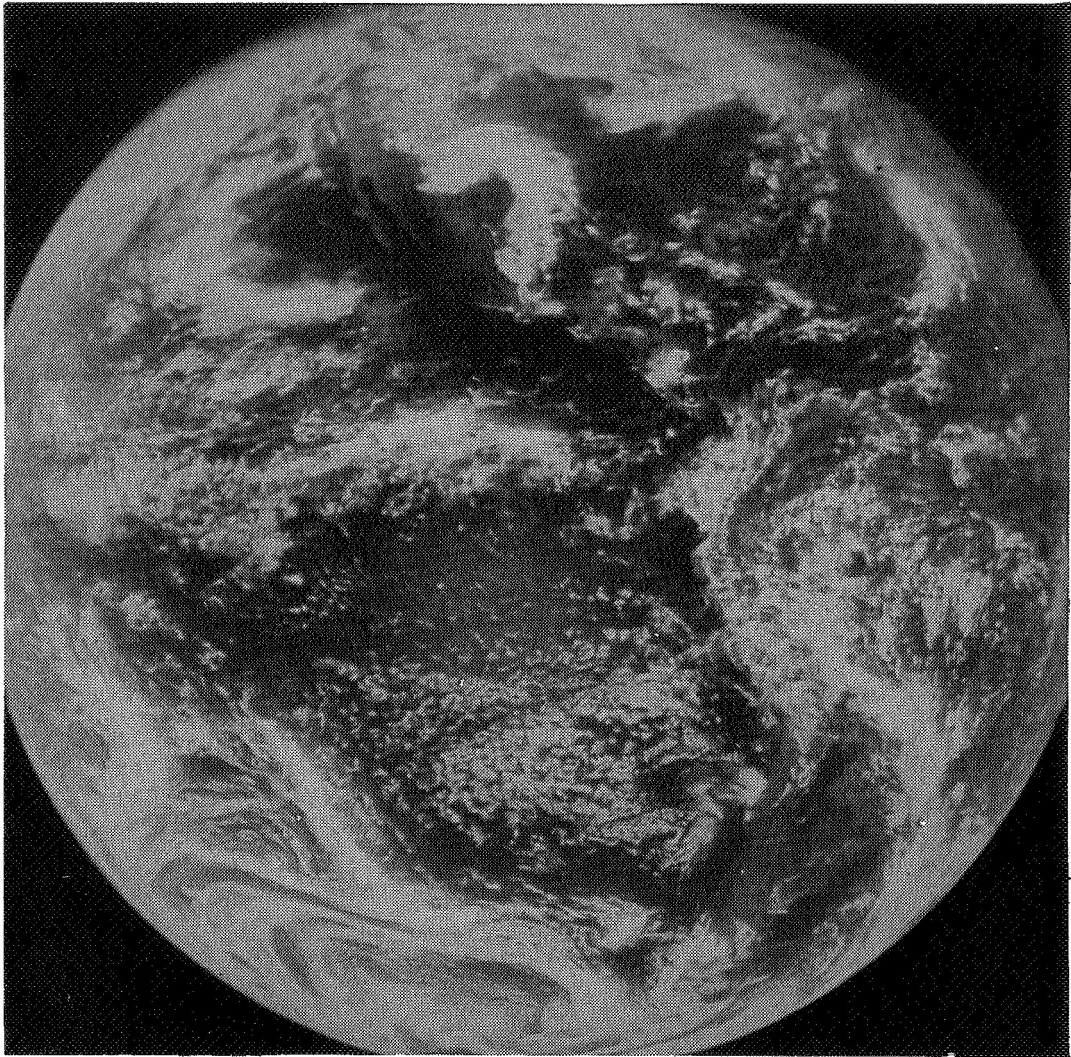


Figure 1-1. Earth From a Geostationary Orbit

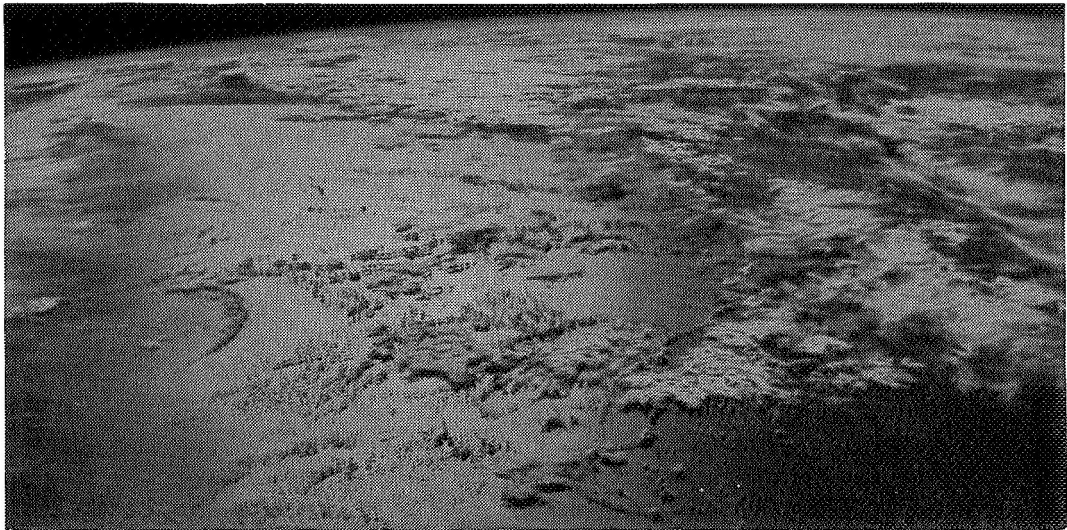


Figure 1-2. Solar Reflection From the Sea Surface

of the program and yield information as to relative priority ranking among the space experiments. The methodological approach used had been developed partially in an earlier Orbital Astronomy Support Facility (OASF) Study, (References 2 through 5) conducted by Douglas.

The Orbital Oceanography and Meteorology Study was limited to the sun-Earth relationships within the boundary shown in Figure 1-3. Specifically, the study considered the ocean, the atmosphere, and certain of their interactions with the land. Included were the coastal-zone effects and the tidal influence of the moon. The air-sea interface with land areas, the freshwater or limnological zone, and the sun's and moon's tidal effects on the atmosphere, although prime candidates for future research, were not explored in this study.

Examining oceanography and meteorology through the eyes of both the research scientist and potential users of the information led to the identification of a number of critical issues, which included, for example, the detection and identification of edible fish and sea plants from orbit; the use of the sea as a source of energy and as a depository for effluent outfall and other wastes; the accretion rates of sediment and sand; the causes of air pollution, and their impact on climatic conditions and the heat transfer mechanisms affecting macro, meso, and micro climatic effects. In recognition that many of the implied measurements cannot be made from a remote platform, the study initially identified those areas where remote sensing was currently possible or was desirable.

Sixty-four such measurement areas were identified. Five of these appeared to require instrumentation beyond the state of current knowledge and theory; for example, the remote measurement of sea surface charge. Of the remainder, all appeared feasible from orbital platforms operating independently or in conjunction with aircraft or surface stations. It was found that a significant number (about 30%)

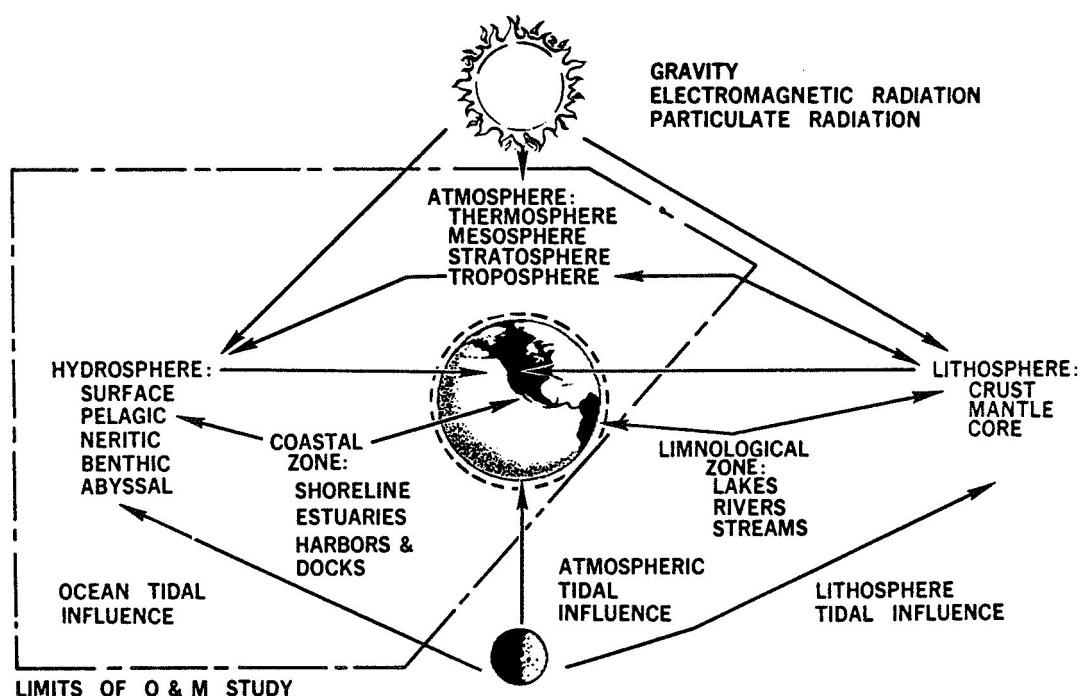


Figure 1-3. Sun-Earth Relationship

of the measurement techniques could be developed using aircraft alone; less than 10% of the R&D measurements required orbital testing alone. The "orbital-only" instrumentation was primarily associated with utilization of zero gravity; for example, in cloud chamber and weather-modification experiments. By far more common (60%) was the need for multiple platforms. This type of sensor development involved the comparison of data obtained by remote monitoring with data obtained at the source; for example, correlating remote microwave radiometric measurements with sea-surface temperature measurements made from surface vessels.

Although the detailed definition of the role of man in orbital research was beyond the scope of the present study, a preliminary analysis indicated that considerable value could be attached to his presence during the initial research and instrument development phases of the orbital operations.

To provide a basis for sequencing the tasks which should be accomplished in an orbital program, value judgments of the detailed objectives were made by the scientific contributors. The study has shown that a composite list of basic measurements can be formulated which is relatively insensitive to differing opinions of worth, yet is relatively responsive to the needs of potential users.

Section 2

STUDY OBJECTIVES

The objective of this study was to systematically identify, for program planners, those research objectives and measurements in the fields of oceanography and meteorology which could profitably exploit the potential offered by manned orbital facilities.

The managers and decision makers responsible for guiding this nation's space program are continually faced with alternative courses of action. In the selection process, a choice is made from among these alternatives which affects the allocation of resources, the implementation and scheduling of programs, and the determination of costs and potential benefits. The information needed by management to develop decision criteria is essentially the same regardless of the scientific or technical area of interest. Research objectives must be defined, an orbital experiment program must be generated, supporting research and development (R&D) requirements must be identified, the facility requirements must be specified, and the ground support and operational interfaces must be determined (Figure 2-1). For each of the hardware items

involved, development times and costs must be estimated to provide a master time-phased program bounded by realistic projections of budgetary limits. When planning information is available in this form, management will be in a more tenable position to weigh and decide among the many competing demands for resources.

In attempting to assess the impact on, and conversely to evaluate the potential provided by, manned orbital facilities in any area of research, it

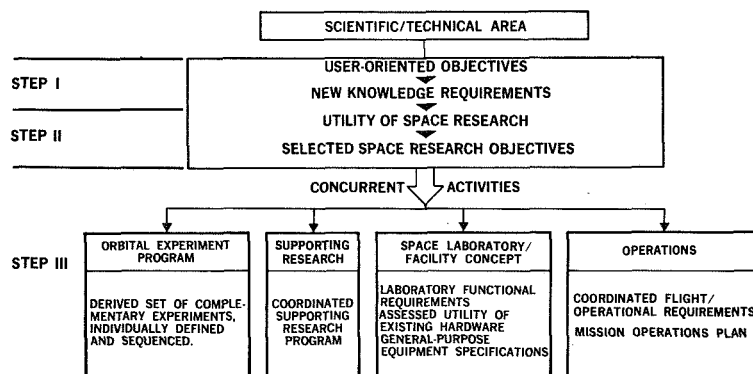


Figure 2-1. Requirements Analysis

would appear that three steps are required: Step I, identification of critical issues or significant research objectives; Step II, examination of the utility of space and the selection of those specific research objectives for which space-based measurements offer unique information; and Step III, development of an orbital experiment program which details the instrumentation, facility, and operational support required.

The systems approach to program definition involves all three steps. The present study was concerned only with Steps I and II. Of particular interest was the identification of those research areas where manned space platforms could offer unique capability. The results of this study provide much of the basic information needed for NASA to proceed to Step III, the next phase of the total program definition activity.

The study team was aware that in scientific disciplines, unexpected rather than planned events sometimes contribute most significantly to scientific insight and that such unexpected discoveries could well influence subsequent planning. Furthermore, while rigid research plans may facilitate the design of space instruments, they may stifle innovative research. Recognizing these aspects, the study team sought to develop an approach that would provide a consensus structured well enough for initial planning and for the derivation of instrument and space-station designs, but flexible enough to permit change and individual contributions and participation.

Section 3

RELATIONSHIP TO OTHER NASA EFFORTS

Several recently completed advanced system studies have examined the broad spectrum of potential space-research activities. These activities include those related to the basic sciences; Earth-resource surveys, and such applied problems as the potential provided for communication, navigation, and traffic control (References 6 through 18). Although these activities have served to provide insight into the wealth of research capability provided by the utilization of space platforms, relatively few studies have attempted to define in detail a specific research program or the implementation requirements for accomplishing such a program.

A notable example of the approach required for program planning in each scientific area is the OASF Study recently completed for the Marshall Space Flight Center (MSFC). In that study, a basic methodology for the systematic analysis of astronomy research objectives and their attendant measurement and mission requirements was developed. While the oceanography and meteorology requirements study described in this document did not have as its immediate objective the accomplishment of the same depth of program planning activity as encompassed by the OASF Study, it was nevertheless possible to profit directly from the methodological approach to requirements analysis developed in the latter. In addition to the OASF Study, many of the recent studies in oceanography and meteorology sponsored by NASA and other government agencies provided valuable insights into the critical problems identified by oceanographers and atmospheric scientists and were used extensively as background material for the present study. Of special note are the activities of the Spacecraft Oceanography Project sponsored by the U.S. Naval Oceanographic Office, the activities of the Committee on Atmospheric Sciences, COSPAR, and the World Meteorological Organization.

Section 4

STUDY APPROACH

In identifying key research objectives and selecting those which can most profitably be addressed from manned space platforms, the systems engineer is faced with the problem of assuring himself that he has in fact considered all relevant areas, i.e., that there are no significant gaps in his coverage. In addition to demonstrating completeness, a research-oriented plan should also inherently contain information from which relative priority among competing measurements can be assessed. Similar considerations were addressed in the NASA OASF Study performed by Douglas, and a methodology was developed which was found to be generally applicable to the oceanography and meteorology case. Briefly, four methods of analysis were investigated: an "object-oriented" approach, based on the system described by Churchman, Ackoff, and Arnoff (Reference 19); a morphological or "parametric-matrix" approach patterned after Zwicky's work, in which such particular parameters of interest as angular resolution, spectral bands, etc., were related to the astronomical bodies (Reference 20); a "consensus approach" to define "burning issues" of astronomy (Reference 21); and finally a "research-oriented relevance tree." This final approach differed from the earlier concepts in that it recognized the necessity of articulating the relationship between the theoretical and the experimental branches of the discipline. In effect, the earlier methods yielded only a systematic cataloging of potential experiments and observations with little cohesive structure to indicate logical relationships among experiments. This missing infrastructure connects the theories, the hypotheses, and the experimental programs which evolve from them. The theoretical portion of the research-oriented approach consisted of statements of the alternative

research hypotheses. The experimental branch consisted of a spectrum of potentially feasible experiments within the limits set by currently held views of the discipline. Clearly, there is an adaptive feedback in which new or unexpected experimental data cause theory revision and revised theories suggest new experimental domains. This is illustrated in Figure 4-1.

Douglas applied this model to astronomy, labeling the theoretical model-building aspects: "definition of the origin and future of the universe" (evolution) and "establishment of principles of change and order of the universe" (laws). The experimental branch was called "observation of the present state of the universe." This breakdown served as the top level of our final relevance-tree format and was used in the form shown in Figure 4-2.

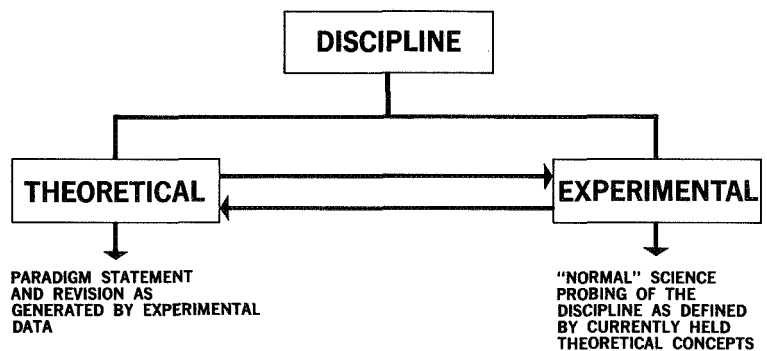


Figure 4-1. Element Feedback

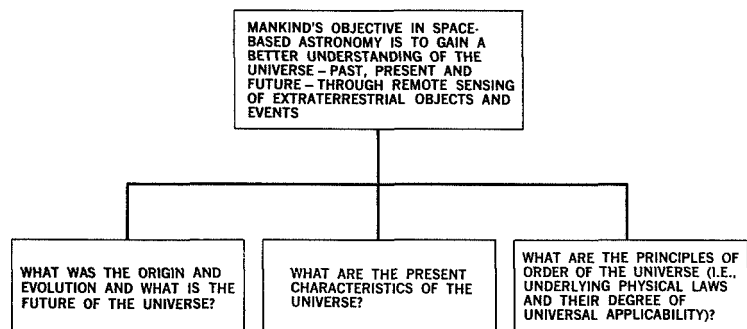


Figure 4-2. User-Oriented Objective Approach-Astronomy/Astrophysics

These three categories represent three points of departure for the discipline. Taken together, they fully define its present state of knowledge and are capable of being expanded to include new knowledge as it is collected. The division among these points of departure is coincident with the contemporary sub-disciplines of astronomy: cosmology and cosmogony, observational astronomy, and astrophysics. This breakdown of evolution, state, and laws of order apparently has general application to relevance-tree structuring of many other scientific disciplines (Figure 4-3).

In view of the success of this research-oriented approach in the OASF Study, it was believed that a similar type analysis could be of value in identifying the measurement requirements of significance to orbital oceanography and meteorology. Whereas astronomy asks questions pertaining to understanding the universe, oceanography and meteorology ask questions pertaining to the oceans and the atmosphere. In this sense, a direct parallel did appear for the categories identified as evolution, state, and change. In meteorology, questions of evolution lead to consideration of the Molten-Globe Hypothesis, the Accretion Hypothesis, the Original Component Hypothesis, and others. Questions of physical laws of change

composition. Observational factors of the current state of the atmosphere provide a basis for describing and forecasting weather conditions. In a similar vein, oceanographic research objectives also appeared related to evolution (biota, water origination theories, etc.); state (salinity fields, electric, acoustic, and heat flow, etc.); and physical change (erosion principles, sedimentation dynamics, turbulence, and flux relationships).

While this type of categorization provided an interesting and useful starting point for the more basic sciences, it was found to be somewhat limited for the applied areas. In oceanography and meteorology in particular, it was evident that the analysis should not be limited solely to the scientific goals of the pursuit of knowledge, but should be expanded to consider the uses to which that knowledge could be placed and the effects which oceanographic and meteorological phenomena might have on man (Figure 4-4). Accordingly, the points of departure taken to identify critical issues in this study included the social, cultural, economic, and political uses of the oceans and the atmosphere, and the climatological and geomorphological effects the oceans and the atmosphere would have on biota in general. Using these varied points of departure, it was believed that the resultant identification and listing of measurements which could

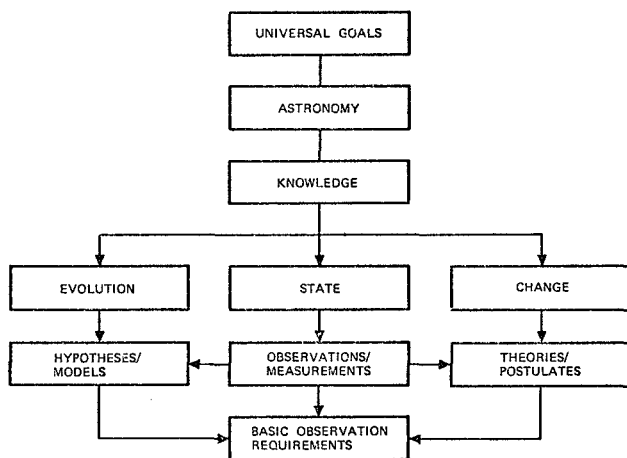


Figure 4-3. Research-Oriented Logic

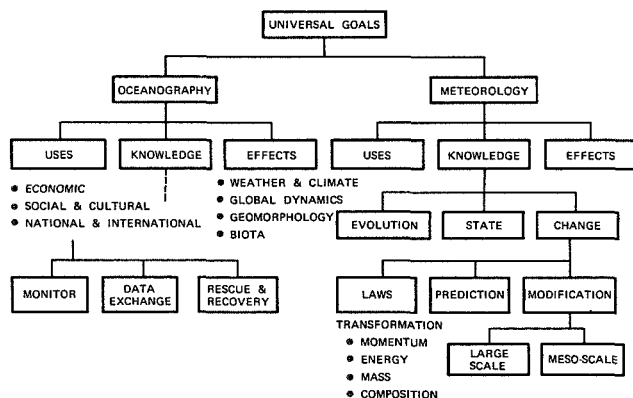


Figure 4-4. O&M Study

profitably be made from remote-sensing platforms would be comprehensive and complete.

The final form of the analysis could be described as a logic net or research relevance tree, in which a series of questions could be asked, starting with the broadest categories at the top and deriving at each subsequent level a greater degree of specification until, at the lowest levels, the critical issues pertinent to each major objective area were identified. As an example (Figure 4-5), five levels of increasing detail or specificity were utilized, ranging from General Objectives to Critical Issues. For the three specific categories identified as uses, knowledge, and effects (Figure 4-6), 10 application areas were identified in oceanography and 9 in meteorology; 38 specific categories in oceanography and 37 in meteorology; and 176 critical issues in oceanography and 137 in meteorology. The details of this analysis are presented in Section 3 of Volume II of this Study.

Once the critical issues had been identified in each area, the types of information or knowledge needed to address these issues were determined judgmentally. At this point in the analysis, it was found that a single bit of information or knowledge requirement might be applicable to several critical issues. In the same fashion, some potential measurements were found to provide data applicable to more than one knowledge requirement. As an example, information on the sea-surface temperature distribution would be an important factor in understanding the population dynamics of plankton and would also be important in determining surface-current distribution and upwelling effects. These latter factors in turn affect the distribution of organic and inorganic materials. A direct measurement of sea-surface temperature using IR or microwave radiometry would not only provide information on temperature distribution, but would also be useful in providing information on slicks, surface winds, ocean currents, etc.

To record these interrelationships, the knowledge requirements, critical issues, and measurements were tabulated in a matrix format and are summarized in Tables 4-1 through 4-4. These tables include those critical issues which were identified in the analysis as areas in which remote measurements could offer significant advantages. The derivation of these tables is described in greater detail in Volume II, Technical Report, Section 3.

It was recognized that not each of the knowledge requirements was of equal importance in pursuing each critical issue, and each measurement was not equal in its contribution to the generation of the information or knowledge requirements. With the help of the scientific contributors, consensus judgments of the relative importance of each relationship were made. In their ranking, a value of 10 was used to indicate that the measurement was essential; 5 if it provided only a portion of the desired information; and 2 if it was supplemental data, useful for purposes of interpretation but not a direct indicator of the phenomena of interest. A measurement of sea-surface temperature, for example, would be an essential indicator of temperature distribution (rated 10) but it would only be one contributory bit of data in locating surface slicks (rated 5). Photographic recording may not provide precise surface temperature data, but it would provide supplementary information useful in interpreting IR and microwave patterns if clouds were in the field of view (rated 2). In addition to showing the association of measurements, knowledge requirements, and critical issues, the numbers in the cells of Tables 4-1 to 4-4 indicate the relative degree of importance of the relationship.

When the commonality analysis of measurement requirements was completed, and those measurements feasible or desirable from a remote platform were identified, 35 measurements of importance to oceanography and 29 measurements of importance to meteorology remained. Of these 64 measurements, 11 were common to both oceanography and meteorology. For each of the 64 measurements, an

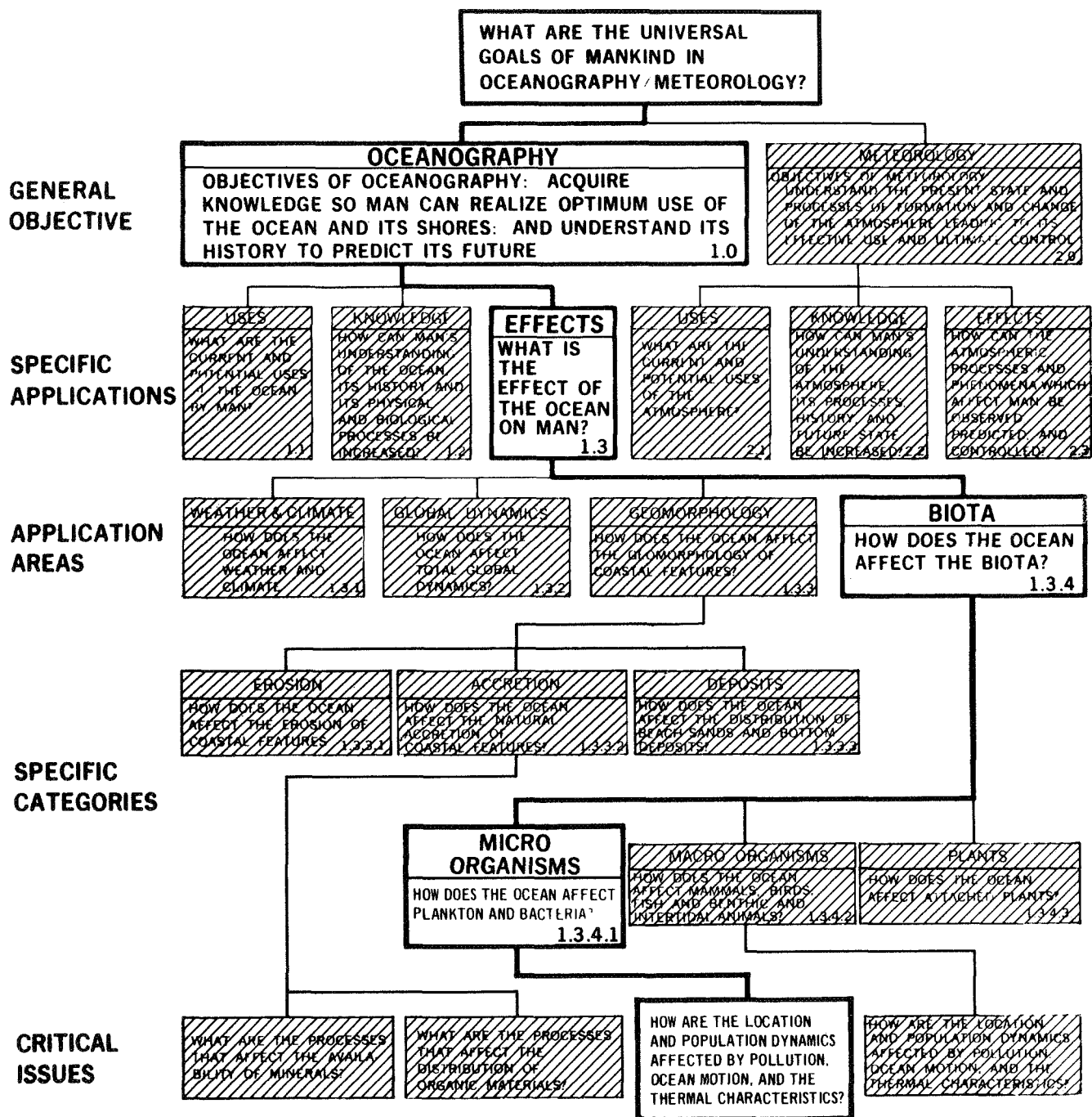


Figure 4-5. Systems Analysis Logic Flow

observation requirement data sheet (ORDS, Figure 4-7) was filled out, specifying the pertinent information regarding such parameters as spectral regions, spatial and temporal resolution requirements, and orbital requirements.

The compilation of ORDS represented the completion of Steps I and II in the program-planning process outlined in Figure 2-1. Specifically, the ORDS (see Volume II) documented those basic measurements which would provide unique information to the disciplines of oceanography and meteorology if the measurement were made from space-based observation platforms.

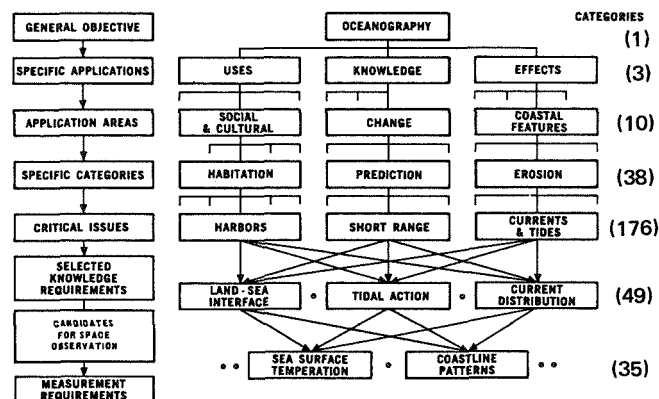


Figure 4-6. Structured Analysis Levels

OCEANOGRAPHY/METEOROLOGY EXPERIMENT SYSTEMS ANALYSIS
OBSERVATION REQUIREMENT DATA SHEET (ORD)

OBSERVATION TITLE: Complete title of spacecraft measurement requirement

1. PARAMETER First reference number of listed title DATE 1/1/70 INVESTIGATOR Personnel (a)

2. SELECTED KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENT (SKR) Uniform reference number of selected SKR

3. OBJECT(S) OBSERVED OR SOURCES Notes of element

4. GENERAL EXPERIMENT RELATING PARAMETER TO AREA OF APPLICATION Describes theoretical basis for choosing parameter and indicating models

5. PARAMETER MEASUREMENT TECHNIQUE Presently suggested desirable sensor method(s)

6. POTENTIAL MEASUREMENT LOCATIONS OR PLATFORMS (ENCIRCLE ONE OR MORE): SURFACE AIRCRAFT ROCKET SPACECRAFT BALLOON BUOY OTHER

7. RELATED OR CONCURRENT OBSERVATIONS, INCLUDING GROUND TRUTH REQUIREMENTS State needs for other measurements for interpretation of basic measurement

8. RELATED OR CONCURRENT EXPERIMENTAL AND THEORETICAL WORK State additional theoretical and model development needs

PARAMETER OBSERVATION DATA REQUIREMENTS (ITEMS 9-11)

9. PARAMETER QUANTITATIVE CHARACTERISTICS
RANGE: RESOLUTION:
ACCURACY: PRECISION:

10. PARAMETER SPATIAL CHARACTERISTICS
RESOLUTION: X Y Z
OBSERVATION HEIGHT: OTHER
ACCURACY: X Y Z
OTHER

* FIELD OF VIEW: X Y Range Z
ON SCAN RANGE:

11. PARAMETER TEMPORAL CHARACTERISTICS
CONTINUOUS: RESOLUTION LENGTH
INTERMITTENT: RESOLUTION LENGTH
INTERVAL: MIN. MAX.
EPOCH NO. OF SAMPLES
TIMING ACCURACY: RELATIVE ABSOLUTE

SPECIFIC MEASUREMENT REQUIREMENTS (ITEMS 12-17)

12. MEASUREMENT: RADIATION FIELDS
PARTICLES

13. OBSERVATION TYPE (ENCIRCLE ONE OR MORE): ACTIVE PASSIVE SURVEY TARGETING PHOTOGRAPHY SPECTROSCOPY RADIOMETRY POLARIMETRY IMAGING SCANNING OTHER

14. DETECTOR AND/OR SOURCE TYPE:

INSTRUMENT NAME

15. WAVELENGTHS: RANGE
CONTINUOUS BAND(S): RESOLUTION

* 16. ENERGY OR FIELD: RANGE PRECISION
RESOLUTION ACCURACY

32. MISCELLANEOUS

17. FIELD OF VIEW: X Y Z
RANGE:
RESOLUTION: X Y Z
ACCURACY: X Y Z

DATA PROCESSING REQUIREMENTS (ITEMS 18-23)

18. NO. VARIABLES MIN. INTERVAL
RESOLUTION (S) LENGTH

19. DATA STORAGE FORMAT

20. ONBOARD DATA PROCESSING

21. NUMBER OF OBSERVATIONS (frequency requirements)

22. DATA RECOVERY MODE AND CHARACTERISTICS

23. GROUND DATA PROCESSING

MISSION ORBITAL REQUIREMENTS (ITEMS 24-32)

24. REPEATABLE ORBIT TRACE FREQUENCY

25. ORBITAL INCLINATION N.M.

26. PERIGEE ALTITUDE N.M.

27. APOGEE ALTITUDE N.M.

28. OTHER ORBITAL PARAMETERS

29. POINTING ACCURACY

30. GUIDANCE STABILITY PERIOD

31. MISSION ORBITAL ALTERNATIVES

* Items not analyzed in this study unless based on the detailed results of an instrumentation and system configuration investigation. Items 31-32

Figure 4-7. Observation/Measurement Requirements

Table 4-1
MATRIX OF APPLICATION (Oceanography)

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Table 4-2 (page 1 of 2)
MATRIX OF APPLICATION (METEOROLOGY)

RELATIVE SCALE OF APPLICABILITY LEGEND: 10-HIGH 5- 2-LOW		ECONOMIC USES										SOCIAL AND CULTURAL USES										NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL USES										KNOWLEDGE OF STATE											
		CRITICAL ISSUES		CHEMICAL RESOURCES		ENERGY		COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY		TRANSPORTATION		RECREATION		LIFE		EDUCATION		POLLUTION		MONITORING		SECURITY		DATA EXCHANGE		RESCUE AND RECOVERY		CHEMICAL		BIOLOGICAL		PHYSICAL											
NO.	SELECTED KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS (SKR)	21.1.1	21.1.2	21.1.3	21.1.4	21.1.5	21.1.6	21.1.7	21.1.8	21.1.9	21.1.10	21.1.11	21.1.12	21.1.13	21.1.14	21.1.15	21.1.16	21.1.17	21.1.18	21.1.19	21.1.20	21.1.21	21.1.22	21.1.23	21.1.24	21.1.25	21.1.26	21.1.27	21.1.28	21.1.29	21.1.30	21.1.31	21.1.32	21.1.33	21.1.34	21.1.35	21.1.36	21.1.37	21.1.38	21.1.39	21.1.40		
51	DETERMINE TEMPERATURE FIELD	2	5	5	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2		
52	DETERMINE AIR MOTION (ADVECTION, ACCELERATION) FIELD	2	5	5	10	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	
53	DETERMINE ATMOSPHERE COMPOSITION AND MASS (PRESSURE) FIELD	5	2	10	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	
54	DETERMINE WATER VAPOR DISTRIBUTION	5	2	10	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	
55	DETERMINE OZONE DISTRIBUTION	5	2	10	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	
56	DETERMINE AEROSOL PARTICLES, SOURCES, TYPES AND EXTENT	5	5	5	10	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	
57	DETERMINE ENERGY EXCHANGE	5	5	5	10	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	
58	DETERMINE MOMENTUM EXCHANGE	5	5	5	10	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	
59	DETERMINE DIFFUSION PROPERTIES IN THE ATMOSPHERE	5	5	5	10	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	
60	DETERMINE EVAPORATION/CONDENSATION DISTRIBUTION	10	10	10	10	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	
61	DETERMINE RADIATIVE PROPERTIES OF THE ATMOSPHERIC LAYERS AND BOUNDARIES	2	2	2	2	10	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	
62	DETERMINE HEAT SOURCES AND SINKS	5	5	5	10	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	
63	DETERMINE SPECTRAL DISTRIBUTION OF SOLAR RADIATION	2	2	2	2	10	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2
64	DETERMINE GLOBAL HEAT BALANCE	2	2	2	2	10	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2	5	2
65	DETERMINE THE RADIO PROPAGATION CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ATMOSPHERE	5	5	5	10	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	
66	DETERMINE ACOUSTIC PROPAGATION CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ATMOSPHERE	5	5	5	10	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	
67	DETERMINE EXTENT AND TEMPERATURE GRADIENT OF STABLE LAYERS	5	10	5	5	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	
68	DETERMINE EXTENT OF SMALL-SCALE TURBULENCE/DIFFUSION	2	2	2	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	
69	DETERMINE CLOUD PATTERNS	10	10	10	10	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	
70	DETERMINE CLOUD TYPE, HEIGHT, THICKNESS, AND DENSITY	10	10	10	10	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	
71	DETERMINE CLOUD MOTION AND LIFE	10	10	10	10	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	
72	DETERMINE CLOUD DROPLET AND ICE CRYSTAL SIZE DISTRIBUTION	10	10	10	10	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	
73	DETERMINE PRECIPITATION EXTENT, TYPE, AND INTENSITY	10	10	10	10	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	
74	DETERMINE POLLUTION SOURCES AND EXTENT	2	2	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	
75	LOCATE AND TRACK AIRBORNE OBJECTS	2	2	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	
76	LOCATE JET STREAMS	2	2	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	
77	LOCATE AREAS OF FOG, ICING, AND CAT	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		
78	LOCATE AND TRACK SEVERE LOCAL STORMS (THUNDERSTORMS, TORNADOES, DUST STORMS, ETC.)	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		
79	LOCATE AND MONITOR LOCAL CIRCULATIONS	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
80	LOCATE AND MONITOR HURRICANES	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		
81	LOCATE AND MONITOR FOREST FIRES	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		
82	DETERMINE ICE AND SNOW COVER	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5		
83	DETERMINE SURFACE WATER AREA, EXTENT, AND STATE	10	10	10	10	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	
84	LOCATE AND TRACK SURFACE OBJECTS	2	2	2	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	5	5	2	2	5	5	10	5	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	5	5	10	5	2	
85	DETERMINE GENERAL CIRCULATION CHANGES	2	2	2	2	5	5	2	5>																																		

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MATRIX OF APPLICATION (METEOROLOGY)

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Table 4-3
SELECTED KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS (Oceanography)

MEASUREMENT REQUIREMENTS		01020304050607080910111213141516171819202122232425262728293031323334353637383940414243444546474849																																																		
		DETERMINE FISH POPULATION DISTRIBUTION	DETERMINE OCEAN DATA ACQUISITION DYNAMICS	DETERMINE AREAS OF USEFUL TIDAL ACTION	DETERMINE OCEAN CURRENT DISTRIBUTION	DETERMINE OCEAN SURFACE RUGGINES (SEA STATES)	PREDICT WAVE CHARACTERISTICS	DETERMINE NEAR SURFACE WIND DISTRIBUTION	PREDICT SEA SURFACE WINDS	DETERMINE AREAS OF UPWELLING	DETERMINE ENERGY EXCHANGE ACROSS THE AIR-SEA INTERFACE	DETERMINE MOMENTUM FLUX AT THE AIR-SEA INTERFACE	DETERMINE AREAS OF CONVERGENCE OR DIVERGENCE	DETERMINE CHANGES IN MEAN SEA HEIGHT	MONITOR LAND EROSION/ACCRETION AT THE LAND-SEA INTERFACE	DETERMINE AREAS OF POTENTIAL TURBIDITY CURRENTS	DETERMINE BREAKERS AND SURF CHARACTERISTICS	DETECT AND MONITOR TSUNAMIS	DETERMINE INTERNAL WAVE CHARACTERISTICS	DETERMINE BOTTOM TOPOGRAPHY	LOCATE OIL AND MINERALS	DETERMINE DISTRIBUTION OF OCEAN SURFACE CHARGE	DETERMINE WATER COLUMN STABILITY	DETERMINE SUBMARINE VOLCANO ACTIVITY	DETERMINE WEST FLOW ACROSS THE AIR-SEA INTERFACE	DETERMINE LOWER ATMOSPHERE MONITOR CLOUD PATTERNS	DETERMINE HUMIDITY OVER THE OCEAN	MONITOR TURBIDITY AND TYPHOON FORMATIONS	TRACK STORM PATHS	DETERMINE ANOMALIES IN THE ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD	DETERMINE ANOMALIES IN THE GRAVITY FIELD	LOCATE SLIPS	DETERMINE TEMPERATURE DISTRIBUTION	DETERMINE MIXED LAYER DEPTH	DETERMINE AREAS OF EVAPORATION AND CONDENSATION	DETECT AND MONITOR SEA ICE AND ICEBERGS	PREDICT FOG (HORIZONTAL VISIBILITY)	DETERMINE HYDROLINE GEOBIOLOGY	DETERMINE CHEMICAL COMPOSITION	DETERMINE SWELL AND INDUSTRIAL DISCHARGE POSITIONS AND BOTTOM RESOURCES	DETERMINE COMPOSITION OF NUTRIENT DISTRIBUTION	IDENTIFY AND MONITOR SHIP OPERATIONS	LOCATE OBJECTS ON OCEAN SURFACE	LOCATE AND IDENTIFY OBJECTS BEHIND OCEAN SURFACE	DETERMINE AEROSOL PARTICLE DISTRIBUTION	DETERMINE AREAS OF SMALL SCALE OCEAN TURBULENCE	DETERMINE HAZARDOUS PARTICLE DISTRIBUTION	NUMBER OF OCCURRENCES				
001	SEA COLOR	5	5		2	2			5		2				5			5	2			2								5					5		5	2	2	5					2	5	18					
002	TURBIDITY	2	5		2				2	2		2		2				5	2			2																									2	2	13			
003	BIOLUMINESCENCE	5	5					2																																								7				
004	CLOUD PATTERNS	2	2				5	5	5	2	2	5												5	5	10		5	5	5			2		2			5											17			
005	COASTLINE PATTERNS			5					5	2	5		10	5	5	5		2	5				2		5	5	10		5								10													15		
006	STORM TRACKING			2	2	2	5		5	5	2	2	5		2	5	5																																22			
007	SEA SURFACE TEMPERATURE	10	5		5			2	10	5	5						5						5	5	5	5	5	5				5	10		2	5	5					2	2		5				23			
008	SEA TEMPERATURE VERTICAL PROFILE	5	5		5			2	5	2		5					5						10	5	10	5	5	5	5				5	5		5				2	2					5			5	2	18	
009	HEAT FLOW								10														2	5	10	5	5	5	5			2	5	5					2	2			5				5			12		
010	ATMOSPHERIC VERTICAL TEMPERATURE PROFILE (LOW-LEVEL)				2	2		2		5	2													10	10	10	5	2	5	5			2	2		5	5													14		
011	ATMOSPHERIC MOISTURE PROFILE (LOW-LEVEL)									5															5	5	5	10	5						2		5	5											10			
012	ATMOSPHERE COLOR								2														2			5	5	5																						5		
013	SURF PATTERNS			5		2							5	2	10			2	2																			5												10		
014	PRECIPITATION PATTERNS								5															2		5	5																							6		
015	WAVE HEIGHT				10	5		2		5	5					2	2																																		11	
016	WAVE PERIOD				10	5	5	2		5	5						2	2																																	11	
017	WAVE DIRECTION				5	5	5	2		2	5					2	2																																		11	
018	SURFACE WIND			2	5	5	10	10	10		5	5	5			2	2									2	5	5	2	10	10					5	2		5							5	5				22	
019	VERTICAL WIND PROFILE				2	2	5	5	5		5	10	2							2				5	5	2	5	10	2							5		5												16		
020	CHANGE IN MEAN SEA HEIGHT			5	5						5	10				10	5																																		8	
021	WAVE PATTERNS				5	5	5	5	2	2	2	2		2		5										2																								18		
022	GLITTER PATTERNS				5		5	2		2																																									7	
023	SLICK PATTERNS	2	5				5	2	5	2	2	5					5							2																											17	
024	DEPTH PROFILE			5									2	10	2	5		10	5				5								2	5																			12	
025	LOCATE AND TRACK SURFACE/SUBSURFACE OBJECTS	2																																																5		
026	SALINITY	2	2						2			2																																							8	
027	ACOUSTIC SIGNATURE	5			2																							2																							5	
028	MIXED LAYER DEPTH	5	2		2				2		2	2																																							9	
029	MEASURE CURRENT			10	2				5	5	5	5	5	5	2		5	5																																	14	
030	BAROMETRIC PRESSURE			2	2		5	5																							2																				8	
031	SPECTRAL ANALYSIS (ABSORPTION/EMISSION SIGNATURES)	2	5																																															7		
032	GRAVITATIONAL ANOMALIES																2	5				2																													8	
033	MAGNETIC ANOMALIES																	5	2																																9	
034	BOTTOM COMPOSITION														5			2																																	10	
035	SURFACE CHARGE			2					2																		2	2																								14

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SELECTED KNOWLEDGE REQUIREMENTS (Meteorology)

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Section 5

STUDY RESULTS

The ORDS, when taken as a composite set of potential measurements for orbital oceanography and meteorology, provided interesting insights into the general observational patterns which might be anticipated in future research programs. The patterns or trends observed suggest answers to mission-planning questions regarding the spectral regions of importance, the grid-point sampling intervals, the frequency with which the measurements should be made, the role of potential observational platforms, the role of man, orbital operation requirements, and the specific instruments or sensors needed for a comprehensive measurement program.

5.1 SPECTRAL REGIONS OF INTEREST

For a comprehensive measurement program in orbital oceanography and meteorology, the principal spectral regions of interest are the visible (0.4 to 0.8μ), infra-red (0.8 to 50μ), and microwave (10^3 to $10^5\mu$) bands. Spectral-sensing requirements for 31 of the more important measurement areas are summarized in Figures 5-1 and 5-2. For nearly every phenomenon of interest, measurements were required in more than one spectral region. In many cases, multiband sensing was required to provide secondary or "control" data which could be used to aid in interpreting the significance of the data gathered in the spectral region of primary measurement interest. As an example, IR upwelling from the Earth's surface in the 10 to 11μ region is occulted or attenuated by clouds in the field of view. Since the energy detected would be radiated at the cloud's temperature, a control measurement is needed (probably in the visible region) to verify the radiation source.

Because of their three-dimensional nature, meteorological phenomena generally require a greater number of wavelength regions in their measurement programs than do oceanographic phenomena. To illustrate, the differential absorption bands of the various constituents of the Earth's atmosphere are important factors in controlling the amount of the reflected and scattered radiation which could be observed from the vantage point of space. Comparison of the relative amounts of reflected and scattered radiation in various portions of the electromagnetic spectrum provides a feasible technique for assessing such factors as cloud cover; cloud heights; precipitation; surface temperature; and the vertical distribution of temperature, water vapor, CO_2 , and ozone. Since the oceanographic measurements feasible from remote platforms are essentially of a two-dimensional nature, it appears that less need exists for broadband coverage. Required oceanographic measurements were found

	ULTRA-VIOLET	VISIBLE 0.4 TO 0.8	NEAR IR 0.8 TO 3	MIDDLE IR 3.0 TO 50	FAR IR 50 TO 10 ³	MICROWAVE 10 ³ TO 10 ⁵
PLANKTON AND FISH		○				○
SURFACE OBJECTS		○				○
CLOUD PATTERNS		○	○	○		○
LOCAL WINDS		○				○
SLICKS	○	●		○		○
SEA STATE		○				○
WAVES		○				○
SURF		○				○
SEA SURFACE TEMP.		○		○		○
ICEBERGS		○		○		○
OCEAN CURRENTS		○	○	○		○
POLLUTION		○	○	○	○	○
COASTAL FEATURES		○				○
ANOMALIES		○				○
BOTTOM COMPOSITION		○				○
AIR-SEA INTERFACE		○	○	○		○

LEGEND ○ PRIMARY ● CONTROL

	ULTRA-VIOLET	VISIBLE 0.4 TO 0.8	NEAR IR 0.8 TO 3	MIDDLE IR 3 TO 50	FAR IR 50 TO 10 ³	MICROWAVE 10 ³ TO 10 ⁵
SURFACE TEMPERATURE		●		○		○
VERTICAL TEMP. PROFILE		●		○		○
SURFACE WINDS		○				○
VERTICAL WINDS PROFILE		●		○		○
SURFACE MOISTURE		●		○		○
VERT. WATER VAPOR PROFILE		○		○		○
CLOUD COVER		○	○	○		○
CLOUD TOP HEIGHT		○	○	○		○
PRESSURE		○	○	○		○
SEVERE STORMS		○	○	○		○
PRECIPITATION		○	○	○		○
HEAT BUDGET	○	○	○	○	○	○
AIR POLLUTION		○	○	○		○
CLEAR AIR TURBULENCE		○	○	○		○
SNOW, ICE COVER		○	○	○		○

Figure 5-1. Space Sensing Spectral Requirements-Oceanography

Figure 5-2. Space Sensing Spectral Requirements-Meteorology

to lie primarily in just two regions, the visible and microwave. Color photography would provide directly usable data on the dynamics of ocean waters, plankton content, ice coverage, cloud coverage, sea state, and many other phenomena. Microwave measurements of surface temperature gradients are preferred over the IR, since they are not appreciably affected by clouds or atmospheric water vapor. Considerable research and ground truth testing is required, however, before the feasibility of microwave systems can be established.

5.2 SPATIAL RESOLUTION (GRID-POINT SAMPLING)

For each of the items identified in the study, the required distance between discrete measurements (grid-point sampling) was determined. This spatial resolution should not be confused with the resolution of the parameter in terms of accuracy and precision of the measurement. Rather, it is the sampling distance or spatial variability of the phenomena of interest. A comparison of the data plotted in Figures 5-3 and 5-4 suggests that oceanographic phenomena require measurements made at closer spatial intervals than meteorological phenomena.

5.3 TEMPORAL RESOLUTION (SAMPLING FREQUENCY)

Observation or data-sampling frequency (Figures 5-5 and 5-6), i. e., the interval of elapsed time subsequent measurements of each parameter at the same grid point, was also examined. Measurement of meteorological parameters required sampling at more frequent time intervals than oceanographic parameters. In Figures 5-5 and 5-6, a horizontal line delineates the range of observation frequencies required for each parameter. The horizontal lines reflect the range of sampling rates from "desired" through "usable." It should be noted that the span of observation-

frequency requirements for plankton and fish varies from hourly to monthly data. The extended range associated with biological parameters results from the study of marine life and its ecology, in which life cycles which vary from hours to decades are observed.

5.4 OBSERVATIONAL PLATFORMS

The information contained in Figures 5-3, 5-4, 5-5, and 5-6 are cross plotted in Figure 5-7. While similar regions of the spectrum are of interest to oceanographers and meteorologists (Figures 5-1 and 5-2), the observation programs are quite different. The oceanographic events change more slowly than meteorological phenomena but require finer grid-point sampling intervals. Requirements for synoptic and continued coverage of

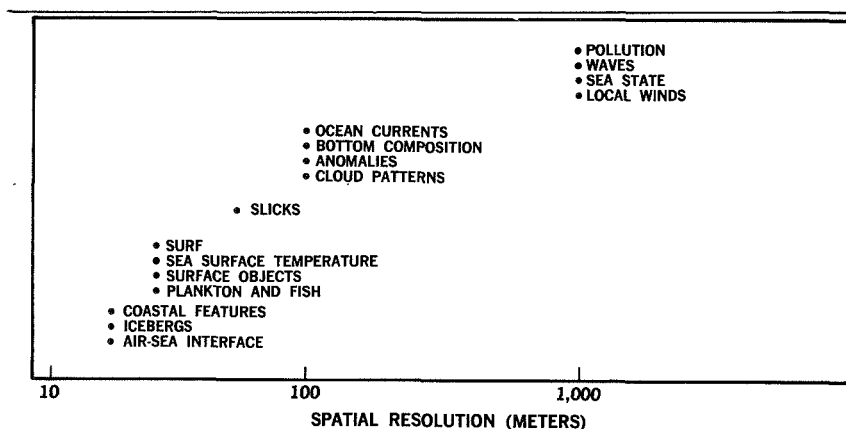


Figure 5-3. Spatial Resolution Requirements-Oceanography

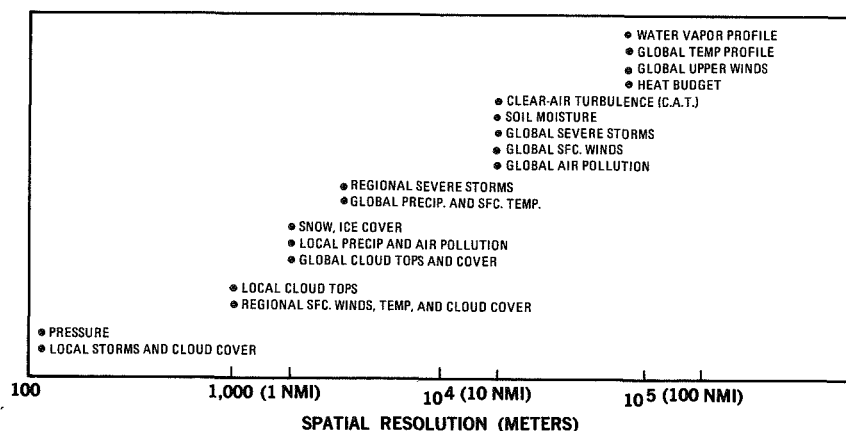


Figure 5-4. Spatial Resolution Requirements-Meteorology

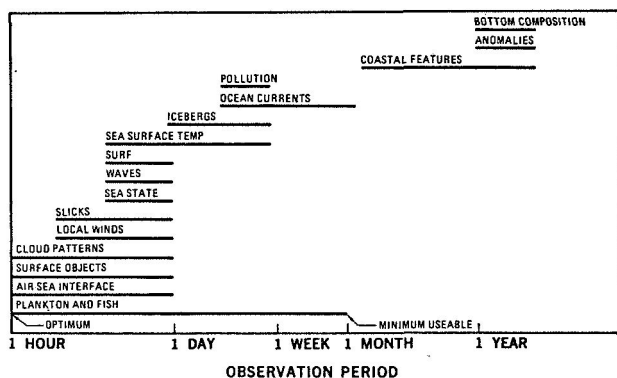


Figure 5-5. Observation Frequency Requirements-Oceanography

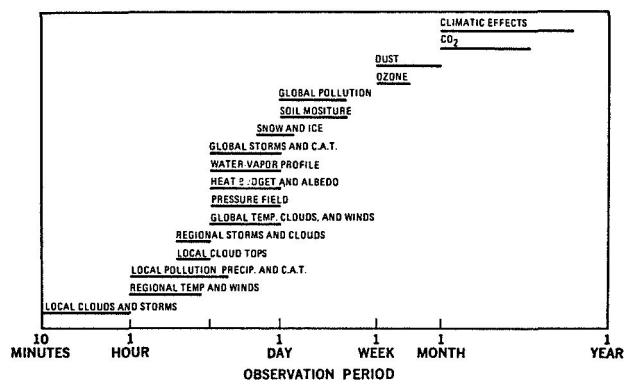


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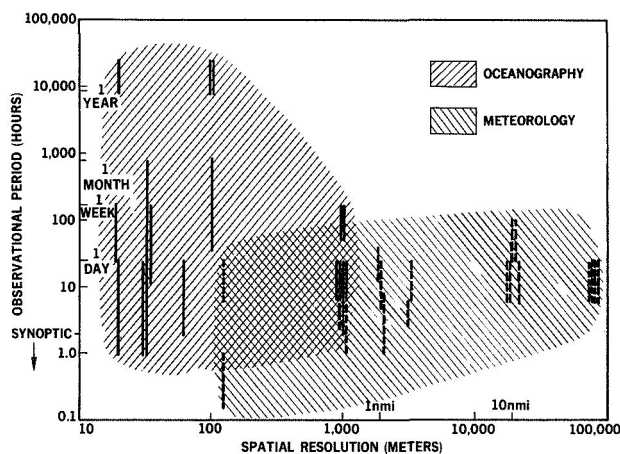


Figure 5-7. O&M Data Requirements Summary-A

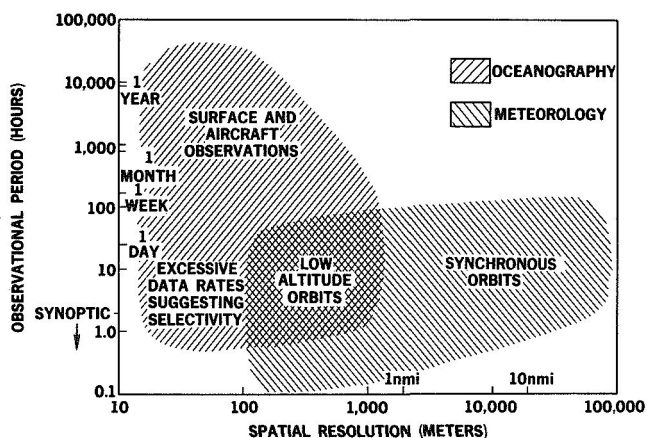


Figure 5-8. O&M Data Requirements Summary-B

meteorological events require data gathering on an hourly to daily basis as contrasted to oceanographic measurements which require daily to yearly sampling intervals.

These observational patterns suggest that different orbital platforms may be required (Figure 5-8). The relatively coarse measurements requiring frequent observations, typical of certain global weather events, would be adequately accommodated by vehicles in synchronous orbits. The very slowly changing oceanographic phenomena requiring relatively fine spatial resolution would be adequately accommodated by surface and aircraft observations. The oceanographic and meteorological measurements made frequently with fine spatial resolution might be obtained by satellite in low-altitude orbits.

The program defined included two major measurement elements: an R&D phase and an operational phase (Figure 5-9). The development of instruments, measurement techniques, and operational theories or models are the R&D objectives. The operational systems involve the more routine data gathering, processing, and dissemination. As descriptive and predictive techniques are developed in the R&D phase, they in turn establish the sensors, data processors, and information interfaces needed in the operational system by the using agencies.

The shifting pattern of demands for measurement platforms was examined for the R&D (Figure 5-10) and the operational phases (Figure 5-11). Orbital facilities, aircraft, surface vehicles, and multiple combinations, including orbital platforms, were considered. Criteria used in identifying the most responsive type of measurement platform were (1) projected equipment development status and

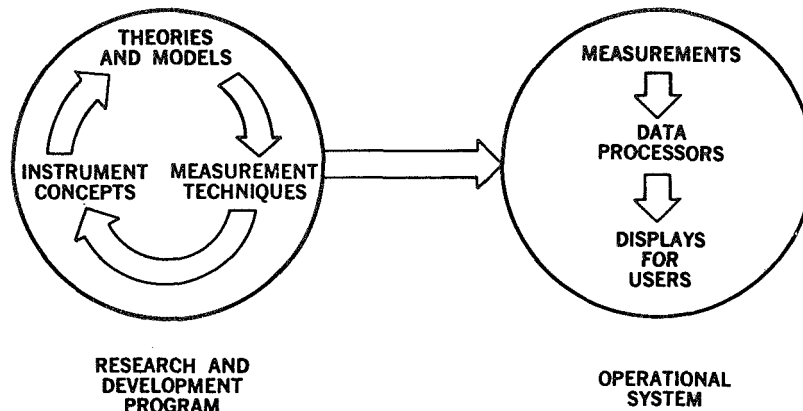


Figure 5-9. Technical Objective Achievement

space flight worthiness of instruments; (2) necessity for concurrent measurements, such as ground-truth verification; (3) the required geographical coverage and resolution; and (4) the periodicity, frequency, and duration of the observations.

Most orbital measurements identified for the R&D phase required ancillary verification or "ground truth" testing. Certain theoretical studies, however, could be verified by specific experiments performed on the orbital platform. These generally relied on some unique advantages of orbital space (zero-g, synoptic coverage capability, etc.). An example is the zero-g required in various experiments dealing with cloud physics and weather modification mechanisms.

Some measurements were identified by the scientific contributors as being of potentially great value if they could be made on a synoptic basis, even though no feasible technique was currently available for remote sensing. These types of measurements were included in the analysis for completeness but were identified as being feasible only from surface vessels. Examples are sea-surface electric charge and gravitational and magnetic anomalies.

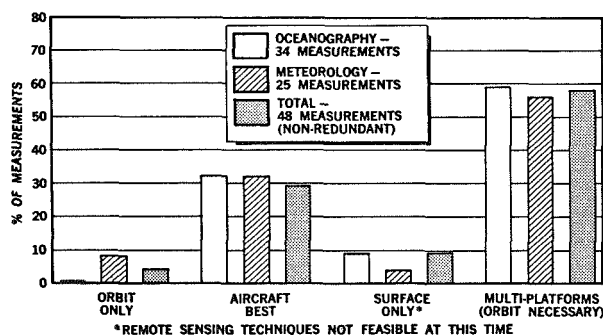


Figure 5-10. Measurement Platforms-Research and Development Phase

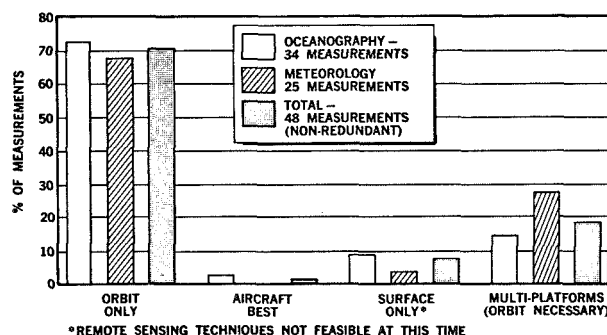


Figure 5-11. Measurement Platforms-Research and Operational Phase

As the emphasis on the measurement programs shifts towards the operational systems, the use of independent orbital facilities becomes more important (Figure 5-11). However, aircraft appear to continue to offer advantages in those operational areas dealing with the assessment of such slowly changing phenomena as coastline patterns and bottom anomalies. These trends are based solely on the expected ability of the given platform to satisfactorily accomplish the observations. The comparative operating economies of the various platforms were not considered in this study.

5.5 THE ROLE OF MAN

Although an evaluation of the role of man in orbital operations involves analysis beyond the scope of the present study, the data at hand permitted at least a preliminary assessment of his potential contribution. The rationale followed in this analysis acknowledged that man could be "engineered" out of the orbital system but usually at the price of increased complexity, decreased reliability, and decreased system capability. On the other hand, man requires complex support equipment and is therefore costly. Each measurement requirement was analyzed to determine the nature of man's possible contributions to the program and how they might change the R&D and the operational phase. Five potential contributions of man were identified:

1. Selection of targets.
2. Checking of complex instrument functioning.
3. Calibration and testing of new and complex instruments.
4. Manipulation of observation materials.
5. Visual observations.

Each measurement was weighed against these criteria; man was considered "valuable" in space if three or more were involved in the measurement program and "useful" if one or two were satisfied (Figures 5-12 and 5-13). Results indicated that man could make a useful or valuable contribution to nearly 50% of the measurement programs in the R&D phase. In the operational phase, however, the role of man became less certain, as indicated by the significant number of "to-be-determined" judgments. The measurement programs requiring man were generally those involving highly complex instruments with selective pointing, or specific zero-g experiments requiring monitoring and controlling.

It should be noted that this analysis did not represent an exhaustive evaluation of the role of man. Other potential uses of man which capitalize on his natural ability, training, and specific skills as a scientist, observer, and operator, as well as those functions attendant to the maintenance of the spacecraft and its payload, require further study.

5.6 ORBITAL OPERATION REQUIREMENTS

Analyses of orbital inclinations for various

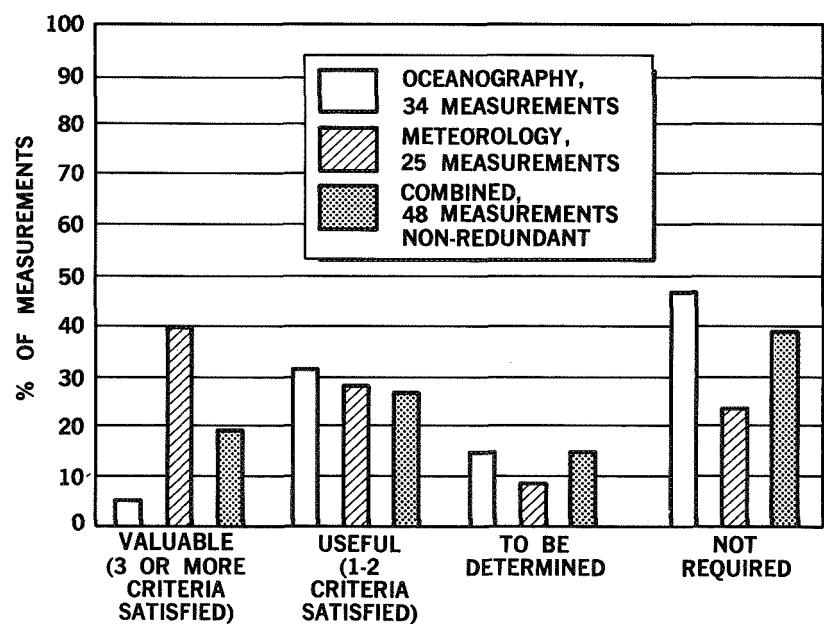


Figure 5-12. Manned Orbital Requirements-Research and Development Phase

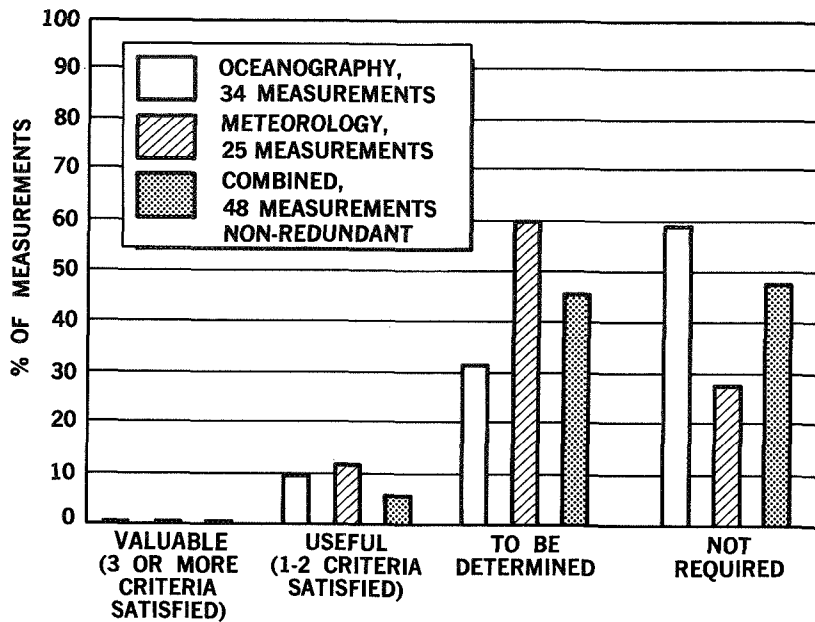


Figure 5-13. Manned Orbital Requirements-Operational Phase

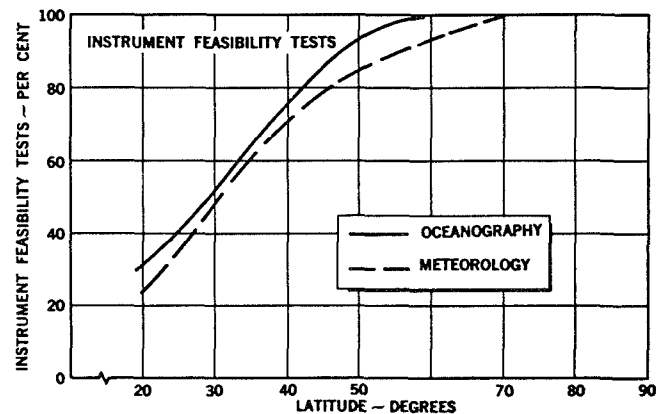


Figure 5-14. Latitude Requirements-Research and Development

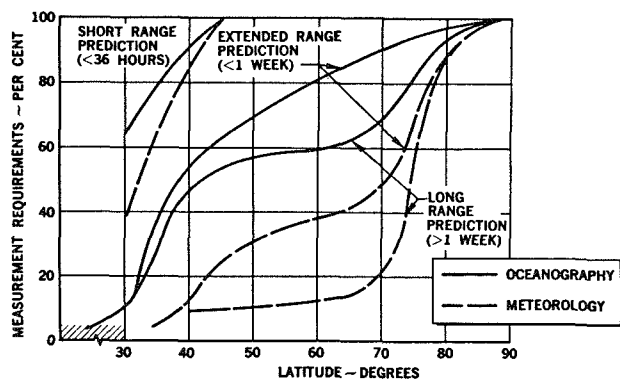


Figure 5-15. Latitude Required for Operational Requirements-Tropic Regions

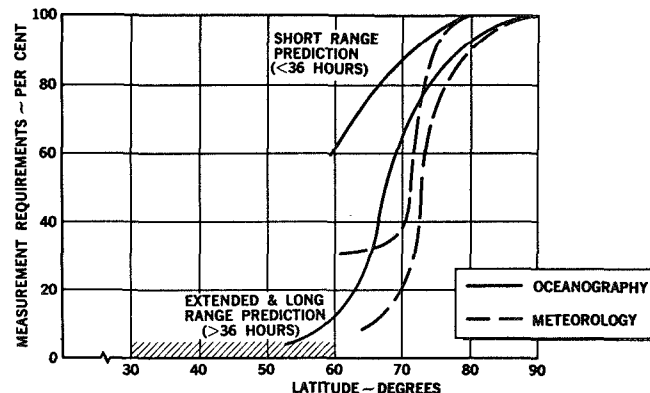


Figure 5-16. Latitude Required for Operational Requirements-Midlatitude Regions

R&D and operational activities (Figure 5-14) indicated that 50% of oceanography and meteorology instrument feasibility tests could be accomplished between 0° and 30° north and south latitude and all could be accomplished in a 70° orbit inclination. Figures 5-15 and 5-16 show the latitude coverage providing various degrees of measurement capability for short-range, extended-range and long-range prediction for two regions: the tropics and the mid-latitudes. Data requirements for both vary, but they are clearly a function of the length of time of the forecast period. When longer range forecasts are desired, higher latitude data is needed in the predictive model.

5.7 INSTRUMENT REQUIREMENTS

Examination of instruments required for the various measurement programs indicated that 25 generic classes would provide the basic data needed in the R&D phase of the program development activity.

Currently available or proposed instruments were examined to determine whether they provided the desired instrument capabilities and the measurement requirements. The prime source of data on existing and proposed instruments was the NASA-supplied lists from the Nimbus and Applications Technology Satellite programs and from the APS A and B Apollo Applications Program. Of the 25 required instruments, 20 could be identified in current or proposed NASA programs; 5 were new. Figure 5-17 summarizes the types and program sources for these instruments.

Instruments proposed for APS A and B programs would play a significant role in satisfying the oceanography and meteorology program requirements. If these programs did not materialize, a corresponding gap in equipment development would exist.

Section 6

SCOPE OF STUDY AND STUDY LIMITATIONS

The foregoing discussion has described the procedures followed in identifying orbital-research objectives in a logical and systematic manner. The study has examined the disciplines of oceanography and meteorology from the viewpoints of the research scientists and of other potential users of the information. Recommendations for specific classes of measurements have been made.

The study was limited to the examination of the oceans, the atmosphere, and their interaction. Coastal zones were included, but the freshwater or limnological zones were not. Also, the tidal influence of the sun and the moon on the atmosphere was not explored. Before a comprehensive plan for Earth-oriented research can be developed, these and other regions of Earth-centered observations should be analyzed. It can be anticipated that agricultural and forestry applications, geological surveys, and photogram-metric mapping activities would require many of the same types of sensing devices in orbit as found useful for oceanography and meteorology. Establishing the measurement commonalities among a multidisciplinary set of research objectives would undoubtedly suggest more efficient and effective orbital-research program plans.

Once a multidisciplinary orbital-research or experiment plan has been formulated, the remaining steps in the overall program planning can be accomplished: supporting R&D can be

INSTRUMENTS REQUIRED	CURRENT PROGRAMS				ADDITIONAL REQUIRE- MENTS
	EXISTING		EXTENSIONS		
	NIMBUS	ATS	APS A	APS B	
INTERROGATION RECORDING AND LOCATING SYSTEM (IRLS)					
HIGH RESOLUTION INFRARED RADIOMETER (HRIR)					
UHF SPHERICS RECEIVER					
MEDIUM RESOLUTION IR RADIOMETER (MRR)					
MICROWAVE RADIOMETER (MWR)					
INFRARED INTERFEROMETER SPECTROMETER (IRIS)					
DAY-NIGHT CAMERA (DNC)					
ADVANCE VISION CAMERA SYSTEM (AVCS)					
SPIN SCAN CAMERA SYSTEM (SSCS)					
SYNOPTIC MULTIBAND CAMERA					
WATER VAPOR MICROWAVE SPECTROMETER					
STAR TRACKER					
12 INCH F.L. METRIC CAMERA					
24 INCH F.L. HIGH RESOLUTION CAMERA					
PASSIVE MICROWAVE STEREO IMAGER					
8 GHZ RADAR ALTIMETER/SCATTEROMETER					
HIGH RESOLUTION RADAR IMAGER					
SCANNING UV, VIS, IR ABSORPTION SPECT.					
GRAVITY GRADIOMETER					
MAGNETOMETER					
LANGMUIR PROBE					
ULTRAVIOLET PHOTOMETER					
PIRHELOMETER					
PULSED LASER					
POLARIMETER					
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Figure 5-17. O&M Instrument Package Accommodation

identified; design requirements for space laboratories and facilities can be specified; and the mission operations and ground support necessary can be defined. Hardware development times and costs will then provide a basis for the preparation of a realistic time-phased program plan. These steps remain to be taken.

The present study was further limited to the identification of observational requirements which were of value to oceanographic and meteorological research and which appeared to be potentially feasible from remote platforms. No attempt was made to assess the economic tradeoffs involved in determining the cost effectiveness of the various potential data-gathering platforms, (i. e., aircraft, surface vessels, or orbital facilities) although judgments were made regarding the most responsive type of measurement platform from an engineering or research standpoint.

Finally, the scheduling of orbital research requires an ordering of research objectives. This implies the assessment of priorities for the measurements as a function of the relative importance of the critical issues to which the measurements are directed. During the present study, the scientific contributors were asked for their judgments regarding the relative importance of the issues identified. There was generally universal agreement that both atmospheric and oceanographic pollution were the most important issues. Beyond this point, judgments differed. While it was beyond the scope of the present study to pursue the problem of priority assessment with the scientific community as a whole, it must be recognized that, unless a consensus can be derived by competent authority, future planning studies will be limited in their ability to establish the most significant and effective experiment plan.

Section 7

IMPLICATIONS FOR RESEARCH

The Oceanography and Meteorology Study found that a significant number of the measurements necessary to fulfill the study objectives can be implemented by a remote-observation program. For remote sensing of certain parameters, such as surface charge, bottom composition, and acoustic signature, an advance in technology is needed. The importance of these variables suggests that research might profitably be directed toward these areas.

Besides the instruments to implement the measurements program, other factors are required to completely synthesize the system. For example, one major objective of the meteorology program is the achievement of accurate, long-range weather forecasts. While capabilities exist today for 36-hour forecasts based upon simplified two-degree-of-freedom models with 500-km resolution, accurate 10- to 14-day forecasts require more complicated three-degree-of-freedom models, with input data accurate to a 5-km resolution level (Figure 7-1).

Development of more accurate long-range forecasting requires sensors capable of much finer resolution and requires more frequently sampled observations of the atmosphere. Coupled with these trends are requirements for advanced mathematical models capable of operating with increased fidelity in simulating the physical situation. Study of recent COSPAR reports indicates that major portions of the numerical models necessary in the simulation have been formulated but remain to be tested and verified. The refinement and validation of such mathematical models will be a continuing research need.

The trend in meteorology toward higher resolution and more frequent measurements and the advanced theoretical numerical models for weather forecasting makes an advance in computational facilities a more critical requirement. Analysis of these requirements indicates that, to achieve the desired automatic forecasting capability,

an increase of many orders of magnitude in data-processing capacity over currently available systems will be required. Thus, data handling is a major and critical R&D area.

One measure of this, as shown in Figure 7-2, is an increase of 100 million over the requirement for computer operations per unit time found in current system capabilities. This increase represents the increased data-processing load in moving from the short-range forecasts with 500-km grid point resolution currently programmed, to the future requirement for long-range forecasts with 5-km resolution.

Similar trends are found in oceanography. Analysis has shown that, for large-scale fisheries prediction and the generation of use-oriented information, the data-acquisition rate exceeds the stated capabilities of any current or contemplated observation platform. As mentioned previously, more fundamental to the problem of implementing a fisheries-prediction system is the formulation and verification of theoretical models of marine biological behavior. Expansion of applied-research activities can validate existing models and develop new ones, as required. These classes of research are very long range programs which can lead to vast increases in scientific understanding of very complex natural processes.

This study did not consider the economic implications of the research program necessary to fulfill the objectives identified by the systematic approach. It should also be noted that no current satellites in orbit directly support oceanography research objectives, although much of the meteorological data currently being gathered can be used in oceanographic research.

An example of the anticipated experiment program evolution foreseen for orbital oceanography and meteorology is documented in Volume II, Appendix A. Certain characteristics can be seen in the total measurement requirements, which provide insight into the expected role of a manned space platform during the early research phase. Towards this end, measurement requirements were suggested for areas (1) where manned participation is valuable or useful and (2) where orbital platforms or a combination of space and other platforms is needed. This subset of total requirements includes such observation types as sea color, turbidity, and bioluminescence; storm tracking, air, and cloud motion; sea-surface temperature; surface, and airborne objects; vertical soundings of temperature, pressures, moisture, and winds; gaseous, liquid and solid composition of the atmosphere; and electrical discharges.

Study of the instrument-development requirements has indicated that initial

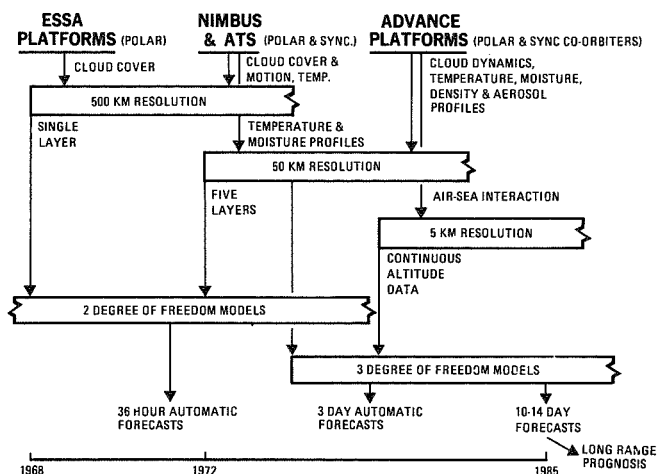


Figure 7-1. Meteorological System Evolution

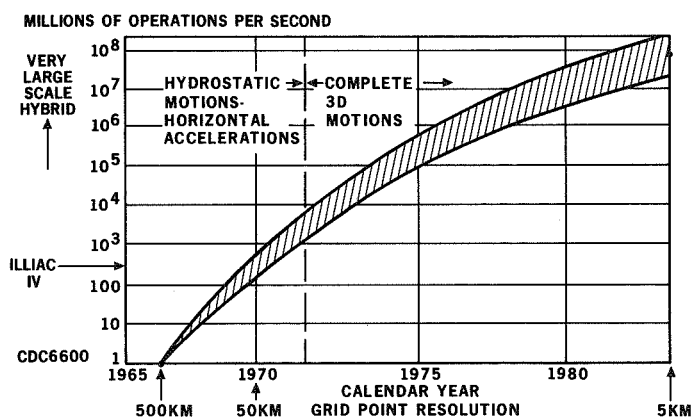


Figure 7-2. Computer Requirements for Automatic Weather Prediction

emphasis can most profitably be placed on the development of cameras and IR radiometers. These, in turn, are followed by spectrometers, microwave radiometers, radars, and groups of these instruments functioning together. Nighttime coverage becomes practical as radiometers and low-light-level camera systems are introduced. Spectrometers permit temperature- and moisture-profile observations, while microwave radiometers and radars allow sensing of surface and rainfall conditions.

The measuring instruments finally used in orbital research will include the more advanced and complex sensors of the equipment grouping. Also, the functional activities involved in performing these measurements can be anticipated to be particularly complicated during the early research phase, considering requirements for simultaneously making observations and ground truth tests. Man's role as a researcher, observer, and instrument operator during this critical early research phase will be particularly important. His natural ability, coupled with training and specific skills, will address such orbital activities as critical instrument adjustments, coordinated experimental procedures where several parties will be in voice contact with each other, on-board handling of important data, observational techniques, and early interpretation of results of individual research experiments. When these scientific duties are coupled with other required on-board supporting activities, such as maintenance and repair, the synergistic observational capability of a flexible manned orbital-research facility will be fully realized.

Section 8

SUGGESTED ADDITIONAL EFFORT

This study explored the areas of oceanography and meteorology research and identified elements of a long-range experiment plan which would profit by the use of space platforms, utilizing the capability provided by manned operations. In doing so, this study has examined a significant portion of the sun-Earth coupled system. To identify completely all sun-Earth interactions and relationships, however, the study should be expanded to cover other related areas of interest such as the limnological zone (including land, rivers, lakes, and streams) and lithospheric phenomena. From this extended base, the total Earth-oriented program of oceanographic and meteorological research could be synthesized with balanced requirements, mission loads, and specific R&D goals.

In addition to a completed study of the land-sea-air interface, the following areas for further activity are recommended:

1. Expansion of the systematic approach for the identification of research objectives to include other Earth-oriented research areas: agriculture, forestry, geography, geology, and hydrology.
2. Delineation of general mission-planning requirements, promising options, and measurement tradeoffs.
 - A. Identification of major factors influencing operation and configuration design.
 - B. Examination of data-handling needs and system impact on ground facilities.
 - C. Description of mission mode alternatives, day/night observation targeting, and unique research-oriented observational opportunities.
 - D. Determination of economic tradeoffs between alternative data collection methods.
3. Development of a time-phased plan, including engineering estimates of costs and schedules, showing program alternatives, major R&D milestones, and design-decision points.

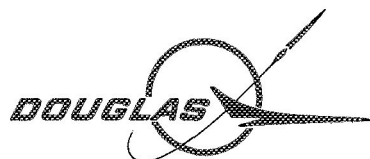
4. Development of a theoretical base through observation of remotely sensed data which can be used to infer parameters of specific interest to users.
5. Identification of critical R&D areas.
 - A. Examination of the needs for key theoretical studies and long-term investigations necessary for model development.
 - B. Definition of the pacing experiments requiring zero-g or orbital observations and investigations of technological advance necessary to implement the ultimate data-management requirements.

In summary, the Oceanography and Meteorology Study has been an exploratory effort to define systematically those orbital measurement requirements which would most directly serve the needs of the scientific community and potential using agencies. The design and operation of manned and unmanned space vehicles appears to be well within current technology. To be effectively utilized, however, such vehicles must be responsive to user needs. It is hoped that the effort described in these documents will help provide some insight into an analytic approach which translates user objectives into measurement plans.

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